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SARDAR SAROVAR PROJECT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sardar Sarovar project, a multi-State Project has been delayed due to various reasons ;

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor; and

(c) the estimated cost at the time of its originating and the present estimated cost of the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The Sardar Sarovar Dam was originally scheduled for completion by January, 1998 according to the Revised Implementation Schedule, December, 1989 of Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Limited. Due to the pendency of Writ Petition (Civil) No.319/1994 in the Hon'ble Supreme Court filed by the Namada Bachao Andolan, the work on main dam remained suspended since 1995. The writ petition was disposed off by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in October 2000 and permitted further raising of the dam up to 90.0 m and Narmada Control Authority (NCA) was directed to prepare an action plan for further raising of the dam pari-passu with completion of Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) and environmental safeguard measures. Accordingly, NCA formulated an action plan for further raising of the dam according to which, the dam was scheduled to be completed up to Full Reservoir Level (FRL) of 138.68 m by June 2005. However, owing to slow progress of Resettlement and Rehabilitation of project affected persons, the dam could be raised up to 121.92 m only by the end of December, 2006.

(c) The estimated cost of the Sardar Sarovar Project as approved by the Planning Commission at 1986-87 price level was Rs.6406.04 crore. According to the State Government of Gujarat, the estimated cost of the project at 2005-06 price level is Rs. 33822.60 crore.